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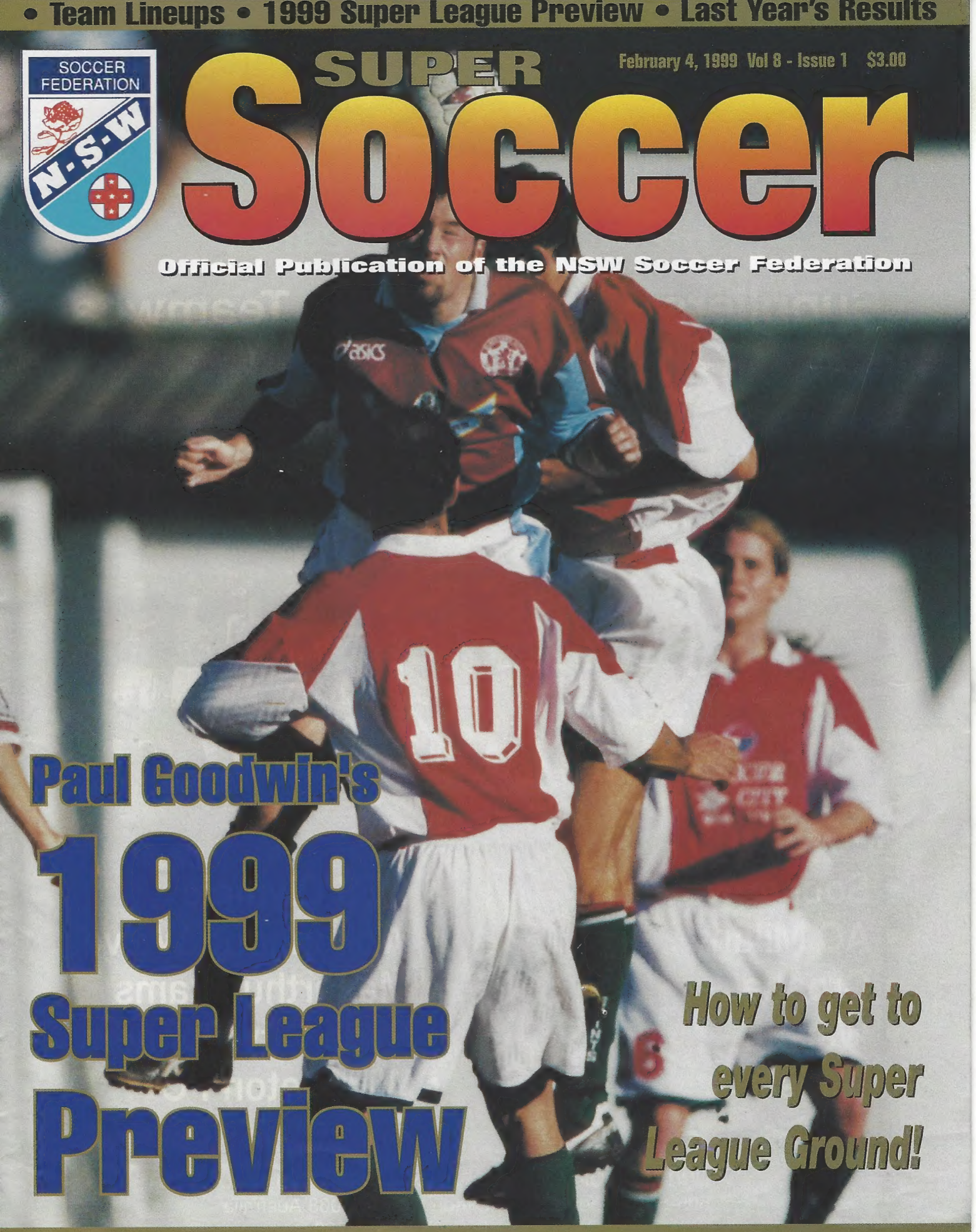

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WELCOME TO ANOTHER SEASON OF SUPER SOCCER

I would like to take this opportunity of welcoming you, the supporters of soccer in New South Wales, to another season of Super Soccer.

An exciting season lies ahead of us once more with many big events to look forward to.

Elsewhere in this publication you will find details of start dates for our various competitions and these will be kept up to date throughout the season to keep you, the supporter of our game, in touch with developments as they happen.

Our NSW Super League is without doubt the second biggest soccer competition in the country, ranking next to the very successful Ericsson Cup, which runs during the summer months.

Our Super League is so highly regarded that it was able to supply around fifty players to Ericsson Cup clubs in recent times and is thus the pre-eminent breeding ground for talent in this country. It is the ambition of soccer in this state of NSW to contribute more in the future at a national level by supplying players and clubs from within our Federation ranks when Soccer Australia decides it is ready to take the next logical step and introduce a second division.

The leading clubs in the major states would be envisaged as competing in end of season play-offs to determine promotion and relegation to this second division and ultimately we see the same formula being applied for promotion to the Ericsson Cup, from any new national second division that is set up.

We have a big season ahead of us in many other ways. The New Caledonian Soccer Federation have invited NSW to provide a team to play them over there on the Anzac weekend Monday, as a warm up game for the forthcoming Pan Pacific Games tournament.

It has been decided that a NSW First Division select side will be the one chosen to make the visit, should the invitation be accepted, as it has always been my view that this division is strong enough to compete at this level and it provides overdue recognition for the clubs concerned.

Meanwhile the NSW State side will continue the Anzac Day tradition by playing against Northern NSW on the Monday as it has done in past years.

Soccer in NSW has been working closely with the South Koreans as well to provide reciprocal arrangements to suit both bodies and one of the results of our arrangements is a visit by the Under 20 KFA team which is to stay at Valentine Park from 3rd to 26th February and play games against club sides and then two internationals against our own Australian Under 20 team.

Turning to the domestic scene I would like to remind you of the start of our Super Youth League and the two other divisions in coming weeks. The Super Youth League

Peter Gray

is something we are especially proud of as its standard is unsurpassed at this level anywhere.

Finally, to the Womens League, and to the remaining divisions of soccer in NSW, I say once again welcome. It's your season too.

Enjoy your season and enjoy your Super Soccer.

Peter Gray
President
NSW Soccer Federation

We are back, better than ever with the breeziest read on NSW soccer

This season we introduce a number of new features.

Our unmatched action and portrait photography, most of it in full colour, will keep us ahead of the rest.

Greg Stock will present a regular column for the numbers crunchers, with his statistical probings.

Travellers to the many grounds in NSW soccer should be well catered for with our new Club Directory which included all forms of transport.

The Super League Directory appears in this first issue.

Dates For Your Diary, will highlight the key events of 1999 in another busy NSW soccer season.

Groundhoppers Guide will concentrate on random visits by our band of roving reporters who will call in on games at various locations during the season and hand down their findings on the football fare they find.

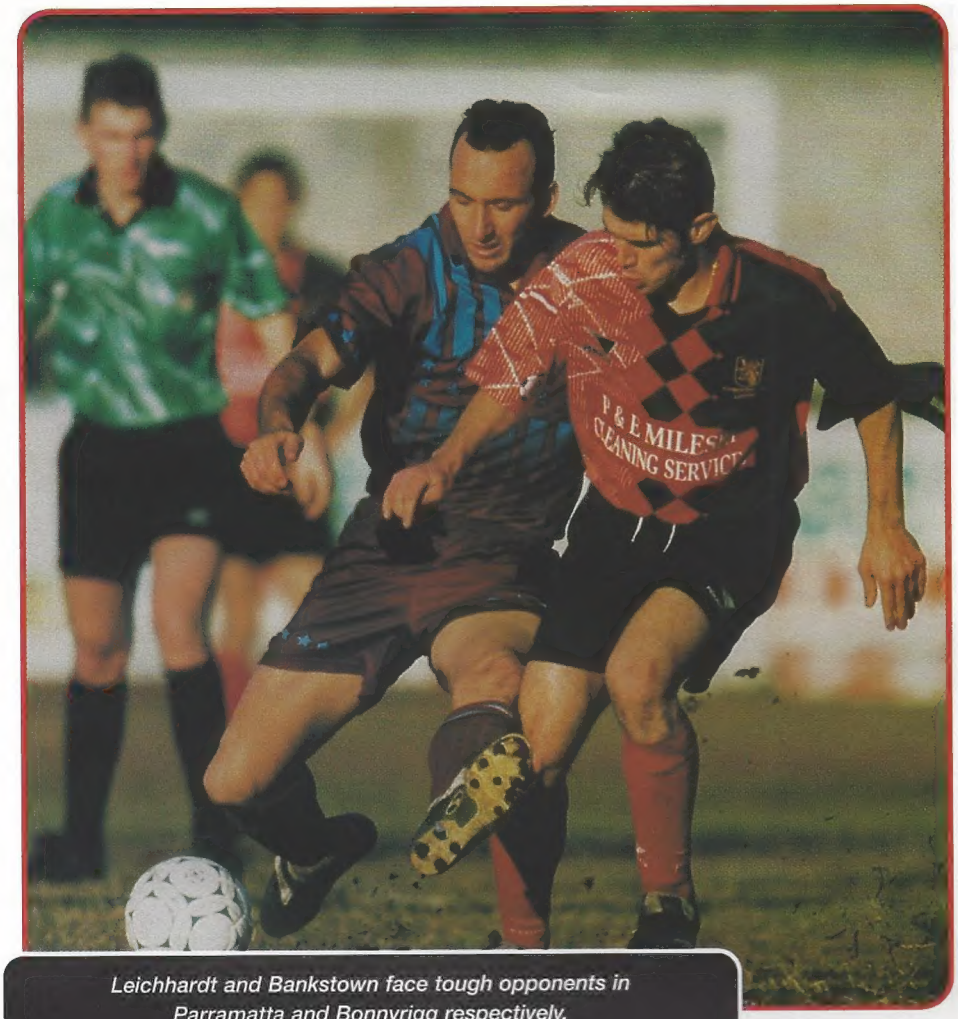
They could visit a ground near you and will focus not only on the football, but will look at the facilities and the quality of the food on offer!

Plus all the regular team line ups, previews and match reports as well as complete statistical information including results and tables from all the divisions including Youth League.

In weeks to come our comprehensive coverage of Youth Leagues and both First

and Second Divisions of senior Federation football will be provided once more.

Meanwhile, enjoy this first issue of 1999 and have a pleasant season wherever you watch your soccer.



Leichhardt and Bankstown face tough opponents in Parramatta and Bonnyrigg respectively.

ON THE ROAD To The Title

ROUND ONE PREVIEW

BONNYRIGG WHITE EAGLES V BANKSTOWN CITY LIONS
Serbian Centre 6.00

Here is a recipe for a veritable goal feast.

The prolific Bonnyrigg, coached again by their main man, John Turner, and raring to go in another campaign after claiming the Premiership prize last August, will be looking to pick up where they left off.

They have been unbeatable in pre-season trials. In truth, nobody has been able to get near them as they have hit fellow Super League sides for four, five or six over the weekends of January.

It is a squad which looks little changed from last season, though Graeme Watton has left to rejoin Macarthur Rams. The rest have stayed put and the White Eagles supporters know that despite having few recognised strikers their team can easily outscore the rest.

Bankstown on the other hand have a new coach and almost a new team, certainly by comparison with their opponents on Saturday. Sakib Lovic knows that his side has an awesome task in clipping the Eagles wings, but he has many proven scorers in his line up and if the newly restructured Lions outfit can settle quickly, maybe they can do what no other team has managed in pre-season and get close to the home side for 90 minutes.

Hard to go past Bonnyrigg, but in a likely high scoring game don't be too surprised if the points are shared anyway.

MACARTHUR RAMS V CENTRAL COAST
Lynwood Park 7.00

Here are the two regional clubs who have come into the Super League in recent years and shown that the depth of local talent that can be fully plumbed can make for a competitive team at this level.

While the Coasties had a somewhat lean year in 1998, they have done well enough in the past and Macarthur bounced back from a few ordinary campaigns to challenge strongly last year for the Premiership.

With that backdrop much interest will focus on which of these two sides can kick off their season in style. The Rams have home advantage and are looking very strong again.

In a sense it is a game that will take on derby proportions as much is at stake for Allan Bourke and Casey de Bruin's men. Each has a healthy regard for the other.

Bourke is quietly confident that his team can surprise a few this year as it has

settled down well and in a recent trial between the two sides, the 1-1 outcome was achieved with several players still to come into the starting eleven.

The return of Mark Drysdale to marshall the defence will be a vital factor for the Coast.

Macarthur are without new striker Jim Aschner, injured in a pre-season mishap, which is a big blow for them.

There is every chance that this will end all square too.

BLACKTOWN CITY DEMONS v EASTERN SUBURBS Gabbie Stadium 6.00

The Demons' new coach Brian Brown has his debut in front of his own supporters in one of the first games of the new season against another side with a change of face on the bench.

John Caleja has been at the club for some years now and deserves his chance with the senior side. The loss of Joe Watson to Fairfield and some of the players to various other clubs will hit Easts hard, but the club has good young talent to promote and the inclusion of a few others brought in from outside give the team just enough strength to match it with the very best on their day.

Blacktown should still win this opener by a couple, even on last season's form. Sun 7th Feb.

RYDE CITY GUNNERS V FAIRFIELD BULLS Wentworth Park 3.00

(Note changed time)

These two old and fierce rivals from their First and Second Division days are going to enjoy locking horns once more on the lush turf of Wentworth Park.

Ryde could just about do enough to earn the points, but in recent seasons they have begun appallingly against weaker teams. Maybe this year they can focus enough to claim an important win to get the season under way.

They are definitely stronger than they were last term.

The inclusion of players of the calibre of Craig Sharpley, Les Bihari and Jason Lal will assist them to bridge any class gap, while the Bulls have a new look side which will look to crack in a few goals here.

A Ryde win, albeit narrowly, is our tip.

LEICHHARDT TIGERS v PARRAMATTA EAGLES Lambert Park 5.00

Early days, but the Tigers are going to be quite a force this year now that they have settled for a no-frills package of players with the team coming first.

Visitors Parramatta Eagles could rue the loss of Steve Karavatakis and Saso Petrovksi.

This is a tough first assignment for the former NSL club and they may have to settle for just a point on this occasion.

It is asking a lot for a new strike pairing of Grant Bard and Alex Araujo to click immediately and while the side looks solid at the back it could b struggling for goals here.

The Tigers may begin with a narrow win here.

CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE v SUTHERLAND SHARKS Henson Park 6.00

These two always enjoy good tussles and this should be no exception. A number of Berries have called it a day while the Sharks have also lost some key personnel.

Goals usually flow from the boots of the Henson Park boys and a tight Sutherland may not have enough to stem that tide of rampant strikers as they mount raid after raid.

Sutherland will take a while to find their feet again this year, while the Berries are largely unchanged. Nick Bosevski is a key player coming in and his ability may swing things the visitors' way.

A game which could offer some goals is nevertheless likely to finish in a Canterbury win.

1999 SEASON SUPER LEAGUE CLUB PROSPECTS

BANKSTOWN CITY LIONS

Ground: Jensen Park, Sefton

Coach: Sakib Lovic (New)
Players In: Mark Abi-Arrage (Fairfield), Nabil Codmani (Auburn),Eddie Danielle (Marconi), Wayne Gibson (St George),
Players Out: Alen Stajcic, Steve Eagleton, David Aceski, Paul Bentvelsen
Last season's position: Seventh
Preview: Even in the last week before the competition Bankstown City's new coach Sakib Lovic was unsure about the final composition of his squad.

He had been most impressed with the showing of new players to trial; Brazilian wizard Allesandro dos Santos and a young Macedonian striker looked the part, but at the time of going to press neither had signed.

The former was injured before the club could form an opinion which matched that of the coach and the latter was taking time to adjust to the Australian climate after emerging from a frigid European season.

In addition, the proposed assistant coach and playing member of the side, Saffet Catovic, could not satisfy the committee about his value to the team at this late stage of his career and was released.

Another, defender Mark Abi Arrage, was late in being secured from Fairfield. A new Czech keeper also arrived late, in January, and was another to undergo the tough selection criteria, but the club has decided to stick with last year's understudy to David Aceski, Leo Premutico, who should do very well.

The club welcomes back versatile midfielder Mile Todarovski, a player who, at 39, may appear to have his best years behind him, but for whom the coach has high hopes for another big year.

"I'll be using Mile in a much more forward role this year, as he is so good at breaking through from deep" said Sakib, who has learned his expert craft in Yugoslavia.

"There are some very good players here and you will see a lot of Alex Trposki in my midfield and Richard Luksic in defence. This boy is the brother of Damien Luksic and has shown me a lot at the trials." enthused the analytical Sakib.

If Zoki Adioski can start scoring goals again and Mendo Lozevski gets going in the striker's role as well, then it should be a good season for the Jensen Park club.

Michael Hawrysuik is certainly carrying big hopes, as he is an explosive player according to the club. The addition of Marconi junior Eddie Danielle, St George man Wayne Gibson and the slick playmaker Nabil Codmani is sure to add depth to the ranks.

Bankstown's huge support base is bound to have plenty to cheer about this year.
Prediction: Mid-table likely again
Last season's top scorer: Mile Todorovski
Player to watch: Michael Hawrysuik

BLACKTOWN CITY DEMONS

Gabbie Stadium, Seven Hills

Coach: Brian Brown (New)
Players In: Steve McCombe (Eastern Suburbs), Steve Riches (Manly Warringah), Matthew Lowe (Central Coast),
Players Out: Steve Berry, Damon Langan, Ben Blake, Sarkis Boudaher
Last season's position: Second
Preview: The shock and sudden departure of coach Alex Robertson scuttled preparations for the new season which incorporated a trip to Fiji which was to have gone ahead only days after the resignation was handed in. As it happened, a cyclone ended the plans for the visit and new appointee Brian Brown had to make alternative arrangements.

One of the new coach's first decisions was to let Sarkis Boudaher go.He was a player who had been at the club for five years and it was felt that the player would benefit from a change of scenery.

Three players who might have been expected to figure in the 1999 plans have been lost to Northern Spirit's youth team, namely Jack Sobczyk, Tony Faria and Ian Kebblewhite.

The Demons retain Fernando Greco in goal and this will be his fourth season at the western Sydney club.

Flame-haired defender Damien Foxe is the longest serving player now, with the departure of Sarkis Boudaher a few weeks ago. His six years at the club have seen him mature as a player and complete 108 first team games, one more than Boudaher managed.

Aaron Holst is starting his second season at the Gabbie and managed 21 games last season, while Paul Yates is in his third. The defence has a balanced look about it with young prospect Jon Pryzdac expected to make his debut early this season.

New signing, the rangy Steve Riches, joins after a spell at Manly-Warringah following experience in England at Leyton Orient, Kings Lynn and a number of other clubs. His dashes from midfield will keep the opposition defenders busy and his ex Dolphins' team mate, Matty Lowe, is bound to cause just as much trouble.

Polished midfield performer Chris Bradley is going to surprise a lot of people who may not remember him before he took off for the United States where he took up a sports scholarship and also travelled widely.

Up front, the exceptional John Angelucci, claimed by many to be head and shoulders above the other strikers in the league last season, starts his second season here and the club can expect more of the same from him.

Stuart Cleary will work in tandem with him and others like Josh Jackett will provide valuable back up.

It is hard to see this side coming unstuck this year, especially with Brian Brown in charge.
Prediction: Challenging for honours once more
Last season's top scorer: John Angelucci
Player to Watch: Chris Bradley

BONNYRIGG WHITE EAGLES

Serbian Centre, Bonnyrigg

Coach: John Turner
Players In: Ben Green (Macarthur)
Players Out: Graeme Watton, Stefan Janic
Last season's position: First
Preview: May not reach the same heights this time around, but they are always a side to be reckoned with. Could be down on fire power again as no suitable replacement has been found for Stefan Janic. This is a team with excellent midfield talent and good wingbacks, but defensively there are a few loopholes and another finisher would not go amiss.

The coach has great faith in Robert Gomez who operates mostly on the flanks and ace marksman Colin Luff.

Also the coach's and the club's policy of bringing through a couple of young players every year looks like yielding fruit again as Danny Poljak looks set to claim a regular first team spot after being blooded midway through the last campaign. The 18 year old notched 26 goals in the Under 21s in the first half of last season so could be a lively presence up front.

Johnny Ghisso is looking sharper this term and could re-establish his old spot in left midfield, while the fiery Scott Xuereb has really settled at the White Eagles and is going great guns in midfield.

Paul Richardson is the senior member of a very youthful squad and at 25 has many good years to come in his pivotal role in the centre of the park. David Harding retains his niche in the side after many great showings since joining this South Western Sydney club.

The full back positions are very competitive, with incumbents Mark Racker and Paul Dee under pressure from the likes of Stuart Nielson and Ben Green, the latter recruited from Macarthur, in what almost amounts to an exchange deal for the player.

Keeper Mladen Kos has matured enormously under the watchful eye of goalkeeper coach Greg Woodhouse and at 21 is one of the steadiest in the league. At 21 he has made a good fist of the position after being groomed for the job and his understudy, a year younger, Sasha Bozic, can also expect to be given similar opportunities in the future.

Contrary to popular belief the club has not opened the cheque book in recent seasons and has made a tidy profit on players bought and sold. They also, according to coach John Turner, are not paying out unrealistic money to keep players at the club and are succeeding on a modest budget.

A chicken pox scare ran through the camp in the last weeks before the season was due to open, with Paul Dee the initial sufferer.

The White Eagles are still likely to produce a brand of football to delight their demanding and vocal supporters as they lack nothing in flair.
Prediction: Up with the leaders again most of the year.
Last season's top scorer: Colin Luff and Paul Richardson
Player to Watch: Bobby Dragas

CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE

Henson Park, Marrickville

Coach: John Xipolitas

Players In: Jason Wells (Hurstville City), Adrian Malochino (St George), John Talcevski (Marconi) , Zoran Ilic (Leichhardt) and Bryan Raeburn, Nick Bozevski (Sydney United)
Players Out: Matthew Shepherd, Con Agagnastopoulos
Last season's position: Fourth
Preview: John Xipolitas always has his sides firing well early and the stalwarts are likely to be back again to see the Berries continue where they left off last year when they qualified as semi-finalists.

Long serving skipper Spiro Hantzis has hung up his boots, but the club has recruited well and expects to do well again with Nick Bosevski the main capture. Just who will take the penalties after all these years is in the lap of the Greek Gods!

Steve Tolios returns in goal and should have another solid year for the Berries. The useful Terry Palapanis has impressed in the trials, as have Brett Hewitt and Adrian Molachino.

Little Jim Nikas will be the same nuisance to defenders that he always is and he is bound to get among the goals as usual. Jose Mendes is due a big season and his class should stand out in this league.

Matthew Percy remains one of the most secure defenders on the scene and has good cover in midfield from the likes of Robbie Jerkovic and Jane Talcevski.

The tough nut the opposition will need to crack this year is the steely Jason Wells, recruited from Hurstville City Minotaurs during the off season.

Simon Fedele is also in a similar category and will take his place in the heart of the side to bring it the essential stability.

Both Michael and Bryan Raeburn are on deck this year and will prove a useful duo.

Expect the Berries to have their ups and downs, but provide lots of solid entertainment and no shortage of three point hauls again this year to delight a discerning home crowd.
Prediction: Should hover around the fringes of the play-offs most of the year.
Last season's top scorer: Jimmy Nikas
Player to Watch: Nick Bosevski

CENTRAL COAST

Pluim Park, Lisarow

Coach: Allan Bourke
Players In: Jai McDermott (Sutherland), Steve Angelov (Illawarra Lions), Mark Drysdale (out of retirement),
Players Out: Shane Knight, Glen Sprod, Derek Caisley, Brett Margin, Jon Paul Bourke
Last season's position: Tenth
Preview: Some of the players from last season won't be around this, for various reasons.

Jon Paul Bourke has been at Northern Spirit, Shane Knight has gone south to Macarthur and Glen Sprod has been playing for the Breakers at Newcastle.

But Nathan Byrn is back and ready to fire, while Jai McDermott has been captured from Sutherland. In goal veteran Gary Meier seems certain to play second fiddle to the very talented Steve Angelov who went around with Illawarra Lions last term. Meier, as keen as ever, will continue to coach the keepers at the club.

The strong presence of Mark Drysdale at the heart of the defence will be a huge boost for the Coasties this year and the retention of the speedy Peter Preston will have many other clubs casting envious glances their way.

Don't be at all surprised if the Coasties under Allan Bourke emerge again as a Super League force this campaign.

Prediction: Could improve enough to figure in the top half of the table this time around
Last season's top scorer: Peter Preston
Player to Watch: Steve Angelov

EASTERN SUBURBS

Wentworth Park, Glebe

Coach: John Calleja (New)
Players In: Steve Lawrence (Fraser Park), Unal Ogmen (Auburn), Tony Canning (Ireland), Don Stout (South Africa), Mark Beldham (Manly-Warringah), Con Anastasiadis (Canterbury)
Players Out: Les Bihari, Vadim Mikoutski, Mick Daniels, Scott Mutton, Jason Bennett, Steve Hickman, Dave Segreto, Gary Spivac
Last season's position: Fifth
Preview: New coach, the youthful John Caleja, has assembled a very potent looking unit for the new campaign. Maybe a little light on experience at this level, but useful all the same.

The pacy Hulusi Orhan is likely to step up to first grade after a good year in the 21s and fellow Turk Unal Ogmen, a prolific scorer in the lower divisions, has joined him at the club and should prove a big asset after the pair had a good association at Auburn quite recently.

Mark Beldham has moved across the harbour from Manly-Warringah and is on the comeback trail after a prior spell in this league with the Dolphins. Pat Darvill, Under 21 skipper last year, is set to play first grade and his never-say-die attitude will serve the team well.Club stalwart Rudi Jerkovic is once more expected to be on hand to steady the midfield, if he can shake off a knee injury. Matthew Dihm is another experienced campaigner to back up for another season at the Wanderers.

Diminutive Peter Pullicino is again with Easts, who will appreciate the contributions from this speedy flanker.

There are others to watch in bustling striker Steve Lawrence, back after a year at Fraser Park, 18 year old Naoki Imaya, who has vision and technique ahead of his years and has recently trialled in Japan, 21 year old David Servares, a midfielder with South American style flair and former South African Don Stout who is an imposing presence on the park.
Prediction: Things do not look as rosy as last year, but the team should still be quite competitive
Last season's top scorers: Jason Bennett
Player to Watch: Yavos Ekinci

FAIRFIELD BULLS

Nineveh Field, Edensor Park

Coach: Joe Watson (New)
Players In: George Zabetakis (Hurstville City), Matthew Borg (Ryde City)Mark Hoenselaars (Bonnyrigg), Paul Bourke (Cringila), Sean Cahill, Michael Vrankovic (both Wollongong White Eagles), Martin Driene (Moorebank), Jason Flazon (Parramatta E), Sam La Rocca (Sydney Olympic), Nikola Mandic (Eastern Suburbs), Phil Treharne) Leichhardt),
Players Out: Matthew Soper, Mark Abi Arrage,David Petrovic, Ante Zizic, John Tratselas, Nihad Ahmed, Jeff Suzor
Last season's position: Promoted Premiers Division One
Preview: The club has had a big clean out after lifting the premiership last season and claiming the double in the Final at the Gabbie Stadium.

Coach Marshall Soper has departed to Illawarra to continue his playing career and Joe Watson had moved in.

Team manager Lenny Isaac is most impressed with Watson's ability and expects the team to do well, having seem the club rise through the divisions over a number of seasons. The club had elected Ben Daoud as President this year, the man who 25 years ago got the club off the ground.

The crowd is sure to love seeing favourite son Matthew Borg again, after two years away with Ryde and his partnership with Mark Hoenselaars will be eagerly awaited. Jason Falzon is another new siging who ought to increase the potency of the Bulls for whom the strong Martin Driene is a valuable acquisition from Moorebank.

If Paul Bourke and George Zabetakis show the form we know they are capable of then Fairfield are going to be doing big things this season.

Sean Cahill has been signed as keeper, while Brett Hughes may also link up with the team after his covering spell at Sydney United is over.
Prediction: An uneven year is expected after a likely slow start, but the club ought to emerge as secure members of the division by July. Like most promoted teams usually do they should give a good account of themselves.
Last season's top scorer: Sasha Talevski
Player to Watch: Matthew Borg

LEICHHARDT TIGERS

Lambert Park, Leichhardt

Coach: Arno Bertogna
Players In: Hassan Kdouh, Frank Mikuletic, John Pillemer (St George), Eric Hristodoulou, David James, Chris Lansdowne
Players Out: Phil Treharne, Cristian Ortiz, Zoran Ilic, David Guzzo, John Buonavoglia
Last season's position: Eighth
Preview: Nothing flash can be expected from the Tigers this year. They are rebuilding. A good solid season is expected, however, with a team to please spectators and make steady improvement as the season unfolds.

Big Frank Mikuletic is back in goal and must give the team a big lift with his vast experience at the club.

The signing of John Pillemer is significant and the speedy pair of Hassan Kdouh and Chris Lansdowne will keep other wing backs busy.

David James is a classy midfield player most recently at Hajduk Wanderers and is joined by Eric Hristodoulou.

There is a lot to like about Leichhardt. From the steady reassuring presence of big Blago

Milicevic to the strength of Tom Bazdaric in defence and the reliability of Jay Anderson and Jeremy Pettenon this squad has a good pedigree.

Goalscoring may be another matter.

Prediction: Top six at best.

Last season's top scorer: John Buonavoglia

Player to Watch: Jay Anderson

MACARTHUR RAMS

Lynwood Park, St Helens Park

Coach: Casey de Bruin

Players In: Iain Mcdonald (Rockdale), Jim Aschner (Sutherland via Malaysia), Danny Cerjak (Camden), Graeme Watton (Bonnyrigg), Shane Knight (Central Coast)

Players Out: Ben Green, Luke O*Donnell, Daniel Cummins, Matthew O*Shea, Stephen Lord, Paul Reid, Chris Minol

Last season's position: Third

Preview: Some really good players have linked with the Rams this season, including the return of defenders Graeme Watton and Danny Cerjak, the capture of striker Jim Aschner, though injured during pre-season trials and the very smart attacking midfielder Iain McDonald who has been lured from Rockdale.

Shane Knight is going to have to prove himself all over again after some impressive showings at Central Coast, his most recent and also his local club.

Prediction: May pose a threat to the glamour clubs once more

Last season's top scorer: Eric Williams

Player to Watch: Trevor Whiddett

PARRAMATTA EAGLES

Melita Stadium, South Granville

Coach: Roberto Viera (New)

Players In: Alex Araujo (St George), Grant Bard (Sutherland), Ricky Oppedisano (Belmore), Rocky Sacco (Illawarra)

Players Out: Saso Petrovski, Steve Karavatakis, Stephan Jee

Last season's position: Sixth

Preview: The Eagles, under their new coach Roberta Viera who spent so many years as assistant to Raul Blanco at Melita Stadium, will be aiming to do much better this year.

They have lost two important players to the Ericsson Cup in Steve Karavatakis and Sasha Petrovski who are at Wollongong Wolves and Stephan Jee who is still plagued by injury.

Jason Holmes retains his goalkeeper spot, which seems in very safe hands, while Ricky Oppedisano has moved over from Belmore as his deputy.

The defence is going to be strong as usual with the likes of Sasha Utjesenovic, Andrew Dowling, Mark Reveley and Paul O'Grady still in command at the back.

Midfield sees Saso Boskovski retain his important role and Malcolm Meilak joins Paul Donnelly and Mauricio Islas in other key spots in the centre.

It will be left to the two new strikers, Grant Bard from Sutherland and Alex Araujo from St George to click up front and provide the fire power necessary to bring the club renewed glory.

Prediction: Unknown quantity this year, with coaching and playing changes.

Supporters are sure to keep them up to the mark and they must loom again as major contenders.

Last season's top scorer: Steve Karavatakis

Player to Watch: Alex Araujo

RYDE CITY GUNNERS

Wentworth Park, Glebe

Coach: Les de Celis

Players In: Les Bihari, Les Bihari, Dave Segreto, Craig Sharpley, (all Eastern Suburbs), Jason Lal (Hurstville), Erkin Elveren (Auburn), Rob Portelli (Blacktown), Ross Kethel (Sydney Olympic), Andre Glucina, Huseyin Vardar, Daniel Lomax (all unattached)

Players Out: Matthew Borg, John McKie, Jim Boudaher, Richard Miranda, Troy Shipley, Anton Avellino, Tim Stratford, James Stubbs-Mills, Jim Boudaher, Jon Flack

Last season's position: Eleventh

Preview: Long time Ryde City coach Les De Celis is saddling up for another year in this go-ahead club's second season in Super League.

On a modest budget the club has always been competitive, but last season's traumas did put a dampener on the Gunners' ambitions of finishing at least in mid-table.

After only a couple of games at T G Millner Field in Eastwood, the rugby union ground in the heart of their territory which they had hoped would be their permanent home, they were obliged to find another venue, due to a totally inadequate pitch.

This made them nomads for the rest of the season and though they began their roaming existence with a 'home' win at the Serbian Centre against eventual premiers, Bonnyrigg White Eagles, it was a tough winter for the fledgling Super League outfit.

The introduction of some new blood may be just what the club needs to cement a place in the Super League and three key signings all hail from Eastern Suburbs. Les Bihari takes over in goal, the beanpole keeper being the latest in a long line of quality players to fill this role at the club where the coach was himself a former custodian.

Dave Segretohas moved into the defence and Craig Sharpley into the midfield. These players are of the first order.

They are augmented by the signing from Blacktown of Rob Portelli and from Hurstville City of Jason Lal. Lal

is going to take a while to adjust to playing here, but if time is given to him the benefits are sure to flow.

The top news is the return of Nils Johnsson who has looked very sharp in trials and the continued presence

of wily campaigners like Chris Cowley, Jeff Kelly, Paul Watkins, Craig Moffit and John Koch.

These form the nucleus of the side and when youngsters like 18 year old Andrew Nicol and 17 year old Ross

Kethel are given their chance the side will see a further dimension.

Adam Peatey and Aydin Cetinay are both going to improve on last year's first Super League season, so more can be expected from them this year and they are a highly promising pair.

Prediction: May wind up as high as 8th this time which would probably be acceptable given their long term objectives.

Last season's top scorer: John Koch

Player to Watch: Aydin Cetinay

SUTHERLAND SHARKS

Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda

Coach: John Lavin

Players In: Eduardo Giraldo, Jimmy Corbo (both St George), Jeff Summers (Canberra), Aaron Harris (local junior), Achilles Markopoulos (Stanmore), Dennis Olla (Alexander), Keegan Pillay (Rockdale), Brandt Riley

Players Out: Grant Bard, Paul Henderson, John Walsh, Justin McLeay, David Tedesco, David Blinoff, Robert Saveski, Clint Harrod

Last season's position: Ninth

Preview: The Sharks are going to be a force again with John Lavin at the helm once more and though they only won 4 games last season they will be immeasurably better equipped this time around.

The loss of some senior players may make it tough at first but this club has a tradition of making a little go a long way and they should again be among the clubs making good progress this year.

Two of their players, David Tedesco and David Blinoff have gone to the US, while the biggest loss has been the departure of Paul Henderson to Northern Spirit. And what a success he has been!

Grant Bard is linking with Parramatta Eagles after many years at Seymour Shaw and the club wishes him well.

On the positive side players likespeedy striker Craig Hobbs, the gritty Malcolm Bideau, the nippy Jeff Podesta and Matthew Richardson will be back to pick up where they left off last year, with Richardson named as captain of the Sharks this time.

In comes the stylish and flamboyant Keegan Pillay from nearby Rockdale and two St George players, Eduardo Giraldo and Jimmy Corbo.

Local juniors Adam Daley, a very talented defender and Sam Mozsny, another from the strong Sutherland

District will be backing up and expecting an even better season than last.

It is also going to be a good move for Achilles Markopoulos who has joined from Stanmore Hawks and should easily adjust to the higher level in a role as versatile as his talents allow, either at sweeper or in midfield.

Dennis Olla will add strength to the goalkeeping after many good years in Federation football, most recently with Alexander Warriors and formerly with Stanmore and Canterbury.

Ex Scottish amateur player Levi Stephen has made a great impression since joining the side midway through last season and is a vital cog in the midfield.

These new players may be enough to see the club reach a better position than many will allow.

Prediction: Hard to assess. Nobody, though, can afford to dismiss the Sharks lightly.

Last season's top scorer: Craig Hobbs

Player to Watch: Levi Stephen

ROUND 1 SUPER LEAGUE

Serbian Centre - Saturday 6 February – Kick Off 6.00pm

Bonnyrigg W/EAGLES

Team Colours

Red Shirts
Blue Shorts
White Socks
Coach: John Turner

1st Grade Squad
1 Mladen Kos
2 Scott Xuereb
3 Mark Racker
4 Borislav Dragas
5 Milan Crnokrak
6 Paul Richardson
7 Javier Mancino
8 David Harding
9 Colin Luff
10 Johnny Ghisso
11 Danny Poljak
12 Stuart Nielson
13 Robert Gomez
14 Benjamin Green
15 Roman Nikolic
16 James Warburton
17 Goran Vulic
19 Paul Dee
23 Sasha Bozic

BANKSTOWN CITY LIONS

Team Colours

Yellow & Red Shirts
Red & Yellow Shorts
Red & Yellow Socks
Coach: Sakib Lovic

1st Grade Squad
1 Leo Premutico
2 Mark Adi-Arrage
3 Zoki Adioski
4 Joe Badrov
5 Stuart Van Bantum
6 Nabil Codmani
7 Eddie Danielle
8 Wayne Gibson
9 Kiro Grozdanovski
10 Michael Hawrysuik
11 Robert Issa
12 George Issa
13 Kiro Josevski
14 Tony Josevski
15 Mendo Lozevski
16 Richard Luksic
17 Damien Luksic
18 Mile Todorovski
19 Alex Trposki
20 Bobby Zafirov

UNDER 21'S 4.00pm

BONNYRIGG
2 NOVICA OSTOJIC
3 PAUL SMITH
4 RAJKO MANDIC
5 STEVEN ANTONIC
6 MILAN SAVIC
7 JOHN DI FRANCESCO
8 KARL KRAEFT
9 MICHAEL SEVERINO
10 KONRAD LESKI
11 RYAN JONES
12 DUSKO PRERAD
13 DRAGAN SKORIC
14 PAUL AGUILERA
15 JOHN ELLIS

BANKSTOWN
1 TOM BRISKOSKI
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9 ERSIN HUSNU
10 JOHN PARCIO
11 ALEX ARDONE

UNDER 18'S 2.00pm

BONNYRIGG
1 AKBAL ALI
21 DANIELE SLOGNAMIGLIO
2 BRIAN SMITH
3 PARETS LEONARDO
4 DANIEL BUCKLEY
5 DALIBOR STOJADINOVIC
6 BRENDAN MITROVICH
7 TROY MCCOLL
8 DANIEL CABRRERA
9 LEON CHARALAMBAS
10 LUKE SALKELD
11 BEDE AQUALINA
12 DANIEL BORG
13 ESTEVAN OLIVERA
15 MATTHEW PEARMAN
16 JOSHUA VLAHOS
17 NELSON LOUANG-AMATH
18 MARKO KLEUT
19 DANIEL MARTIN

BANKSTOWN
1 BRIAN JASICZEK VON CASTEL
2 NAJIB HADDAD
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SUPER LEAGUE ROUND 1

Lynwood Park - Saturday 6 February - Kick Off 7.00pm

Macarthur RAMS

1 John Crawley
2 Dion Valle
3 Richard Lloyd
4 Danny Cerjak
5 Martin Bourke (c)
6 Shane Cevenini
7 Adrian Macerola
8 Iain McDonald
9 Eric Williams
10 David Reid
11 Trevor Whidett
12 Ben Willard
14 Kain Rastall
15 Shane Knight
16 Jimmy Aschner
17 Graham Watton
18 Shane Raynor
20 Peter Muncie

Team Colours
Maroon/Grey & White Shirts
Maroon & White/Grey Shorts
Maroon & White/GreySocks
Coach: Casey DeBruin

Central Coast COASTIES

1st grade Squad
1 Steve Angelov
2 Brent Demery
3 Mark Drysdale
4 Marcus Steele
5 Aaron Binskin
6 Scott Wells
7 Peter Preston
8 Wes Bennett
9 Nathan Byrn
10 Justin Norman
11 Craig Tonkiss
12 David Maltby
13 Stuart Sontag
14 Derryk Kane
15 Jai McDermott
20 Gary Meier

Team Colours
Red Shirts
Red Shorts
Red Socks
Coach: Allan Bourke

UNDER 21'S 5.00pm

MACARTHUR
1 PETER MUNCIE
2 DALE CLAYTON
3 GAVIN CREMMING
4 WES HORNE
5 MATTHEW LOMAS
6 ANTHONY JUDGE
7 KORY BABBINGTON
8 MATTHEW LOMAS
9 SHANE RAYNOR
10 RODNEY HUTCHINSON
11 KAIN UYSEN
12 GARY NEWELL
14 SHANE RISSY
15 ANDREW TIMBS
16 SHANE CEVENINI
17 MATTHEW THOMPSON
18 MATTHEW WALSH
20 GLENN WHEATLEY

COAST
1 MATT COLLITS
2 DANIEL COATES
3 LIAM MCCOMAS
4 ROBERT DEVITA
5 MATTHEW CONROY
6 MICK COATES
7 GREG MARSHALL
8 STEVEN BECH
9 ROSS BEVERIDGE
10 RYAN MCKENDRICK
11 CRAIG GALLARD
12 ANTHONY STEAD
13 DANIEL SURRIDGE
14 DANE HOKIN
15 CLINT SMITH

UNDER 18'S 3.00pm

MACARTHUR
1 GLENN WHEATLEY
2 DANIEL ALDRIDGE
3 JASON BARON
4 KRIS BRANDT
5 IAN BURFORD
6 CHRISTIAN CEVENINI
7 ERIS DUFFICY
8 SHANE DUNN
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16 STUART RITCHIE
17 STUART SOUTHALL
18 MATTHEW THOMPSON
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COAST
1 SCOTT HORVAT
2 SCOTT JONES
3 RICK VAN DER VYVER
4 SHAUN BREWER
5 DAVID CHANNELS
6 JASON MCMINIMEE
7 NICK PURER
8 PETER LEARY
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ROUND 1 SUPER LEAGUE

Gabbie Stadium - Saturday 6 February - Kick Off 6.00pm

Blacktown City DEMONS

1 Fernando Greco
2 Matthew Lowe
3 Steve Riches
4 Steve Cutler
5 Damien Foxe
6 Damien Smith
7 John Angelucci
8 Steve Berry
9 Stuart Cleary
10 Jason Bennett
11 Peter Sermani
12 Paul Yates
13 Chris Bradley
14 Damien Brown
15 Mark Dellasandro
16 Aaron Holst
20 Simon Prior

Team Colours

Red & White/Black Shirts
Black Shorts
Black & Red/White Socks
Coach: Brian Brown

Eastern Suburbs WANDERERS

1. Craig Fisher
2. Ben Kasznik
3. Anthony Maxwell
4. Jamie Jackson
5. Tim Falzon
6. Paul Paras
7. Daniel Paredes
8. Jose Sanchez
9. Ali Chahine
10. Mark Gyerresro
11. Denny Dutra
12. Dimitri Zakilas
13. Mejed Eldan
14. John Velthuys
15. Rani Rimmer
16. Chris Bello
20. Danny Georgakipoulos

Team Colours

Red with Blue Colar with Red & White stripes Shirts
Blue & Red Shorts
White with Red/Blue/White Socks
Coach: John Celeja

UNDER 21'S — 4.00pm

BLACKTOWN	EASTERN SUBURBS
1 SIMON PRIOR	1. CON ANASTASIADIS
2 JOHN PRZYDAC	2. DANNY MAKRYPODIS
3 TRENT WORRALL	3. BRENDIN LO
4 MAT BROWN	4. JOHN SKUFRIS
5 SIMON HUTCHINS	5. BEN SHORT
6 PAUL MIROSEVIC	6. NICK KRNCEVIC
7 JOSH JACKETT	7. SEBASTIAN MATTHEWS
8 ISHMAEL ARRARTE	8. DAVID OZACARDI
9 PETER ANTAR	9. SHANE SWO
10 MARK LEONE	10. TERRY ATSAS
11 NELSON MCLAUGHLIN	11. MANNY MITAKIDIS
	12. SOTIRI ALEXOPOULOS
	13. GEORGE KOUTROULIS
	14. ANTHONY BARONE
	15. IAN FRENKEL
	20. DANNY GEORGAKOPOULOS

UNDER 18'S — 2.00pm

BLACKTOWN	EASTERN SUBURBS
1 L. FLETCHER	1. ADAM MARK
2 A. JOSEPH	2. PETER PULLICINO
3 D. PROVAN	3. PATRICK DARVILL
4 R. NOBLE	4. STEVE LAWRENCE
5 M. O'DONOHUE	5. TONY CANNING
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8 A. ALEXANDER	8. NAOKI IMAYA
9 P. OSBORNE	9. MARK BELDHAM
10 J. MONIE	10. DAVID SEVERES
11 J. HAMILTON	11. UNOL OGMAN
12 D. KUZIOW	12. HULISI ORHAN
13 S. KNIGHT	14. STEVE MCCOMBE
14 M. FROST	15. RICKI SOKBOLI
15 B. TSIOUMAS	16. CON SIGRIMIS
20 A. KRISTICH	20. CON ANASTASIADIS

BLACKTOWN CITY DEMONS

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SUPER LEAGUE ROUND 1

Wentworthville Park - Sunday 7 February - Kick Off 3.00pm

Ryde CITY

1 Les Bihari
2 Nils Johnsson
3 David Segreto
4 Chris Cowley
5 Craig Moffit
6 Paul Watkins
7 Jeff Kelly
8 John Koch
9 Adam Peatey
10 Craig Sharpley
11 Aydin Cetinay
12 Jason Lal
13 Huseyin Vardar
14 Daniel Lomax
15 Erkin Elveren
16 Andre Glucina
17 Ross Kethel
18 Andrew Nicol
20 Rob Portelli
21 Greg Fuchs

Team Colours
Gold Shirts
Gold Shorts
Gold Socks
Coach: Les DeCelis

Fairfield BULLS

1 Dragon Pupovac
2 Martin Driene
3 Nikola Mandic
4 Robbie Grubba
5 George Zabetakis
6 Salvatore Larocca
7 Sasho Talevski
8 Jason Falzon
9 Mark Hoenselaars
10 Mathew Borg
11 Paul Bourke
12 Chris Giometti
13 Phil Treharn
14 Michael Vrankovic
15 Richard Giometti
16 Darren Iocca
20 Sean Cahill

Team Colours
White & Royal Blue Shirts
White & Blue Shorts
White Socks
Coach: Joe Watson

UNDER 21'S 1.00pm

RYDE CITY
2 SIMON PUPO
3 MITCH DALEY
4 CRAIG DIXON
5 KIERAN HOLDSWORTH
6 PAUL GRAY
7 MARK DIXON
8 DAVID KUHN
9 OLIVER GOMM
10 TIM WILSON

FAIRFIELD
1 TOM BRISKOSKI
2 GORDON WILSON
3 ALI KARNIB
4 DAVID PINTOS
5 ANDREW LANCASTER
6 VLADO KIPARIZOV
7 STEPHEN PIRIE
8 MIROSLAV UNIPAN
9 ERSIN HUSNU
10 JOHN PARCIO
11 ALEX ARDONE

UNDER 18'S 11.00am

RYDE CITY
1 ADAM FROST
2 TOM CORTE
3 DANNY HURWITZ
4 SIMON VALE
5 TRAVIS MAUDE
6 JAKE FLOWER
7 JOHN FOTIADIS
8 RYAN BUTLER
9 ANDREW NOLAN
10 BRAD HEMMING
11 DUSTIN UNETH
12 MICHAEL O'REILEY
13 NICK FLOWER
14 DANIEL LEVITUS
15 CHRISTIAN SANTARELLI
16 PHIL CAVE

FAIRFIELD
1 BRIAN JASICZEK VON CASTEL
2 NAJIB HADDAD 3 HASAN BULLI
4 STEVEN RALEVSKI 5 ONUR GUYSU
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ROUND 1 SUPER LEAGUE

Lambert Park - Sunday 7 February - Kick Off 5.00pm

LEICHHARDT TIGERS

1 Frank Mikuletic
2 John Pillemar
3 Anthony Tesoro
4 Blago Milicevic
5 Jeremy Pettenon
6 Eric Hristodoulou
7 Vince Savocca
8 David James
9 Jay Anderson
10 Chris Lansdowne
11 Fabio Macolino
12 Leon Alexiou
13 David Petrini
14 Tom Badzaric
15 Hasan Kdouh
16 Mite Talcevski
17 Sam La Macchia
18 Luke Rodenburg
19 Luke White
20 James Meyer
22 Bulent Sevinc

Team Colours

Maroon & Blue Shirts
Blue Shorts
Maroon Socks
Coach: Arno Bertogna

Parramatta EAGLES

1 J Holmes
2 S Utjesenovic
3 P O'Grady
4 A Dowling
5 M Reveley
6 S Boskovski
7 A Araujo
8 M Mielak
9 G Bard
11 M Islas
12 A Mittiga
13 G Mielak
15 R Sacco
17 J Olic
20 R Oppecisano

Team Colours

White Shirts
White Shorts
White Socks
Coach: Doug Utjesenovic

UNDER 21'S 3.00pm

LEICHHARDT	PARRAMATTA
1 JAMES MEYER	1 M XUEREB
2 DANIELE TESTORE	2 A ELRICH
3 SAM LA MACCHIA	3 B EVANS
4 PAUL LOMBARDO	4 A GRASSO
5 LUKE WHITE	5 J KELSO
6 MOHAMMED MUSLEMANI	6 D HARDIMAN
7 AHMED IBRAHM	7 A PANZARINO
8 MAHMOUD SAAB	8 A WOROBEIJ
9 NICK TSILIMOS	9 G WAKIM
10 AMBROSE MANCIA	10 B DELICATA
11 LUKE RODENBURG	11 A ANDSERSON
12 BEN WINTER	12 F BACCAN
13 MARTIN TONITTO	13 A DREWERY
	14 G DWYER
	15 A MIELAK
	16 D MITTIGA
	17 B MOORE

UNDER 18'S 1.00pm

LEICHHARDT	PARRAMATTA
1 PAUL CARBONE	1 B XERRI
2 GIUSEPPE DELLARTE	2 C LIMA
3 GLEN HOLMAN	3 D BORG
4 VINCE BAGNATO	4 B MARANGON
5 JOSEPH LEMPRIERE	5 P GATT
6 DAVID BRICKNELL	6 P ZORZAN
7 GONZALO VALENZUELA	7 G NOHRA
8 RICKY WARD	8 L BERBIS
9 JOSHUA BULGIN	9 E ANABALON
10 ADRIAN D'ONOFRIO	10 F VEGAS
11 PETER EL AKL	11 D DILORETTO
12 PETER HELSEN	12 A MUSCAT
13 JOSE TOMAS	13 D MANSUETTO
14 FRANCESCO ZARELLA	14 L CAMERON
15 JOHN PAUL BOUTROS	15 N ANDONAKIS
16 JOSEPH CIANO	20 P BAYLY
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SUPER LEAGUE ROUND 1

Henson Park - Sunday 7 February - Kick Off 6.00pm

Canterbury M/Ville BERRIES

1 Steve Tolios
2 Michael Raeburn
3 Michael Tsigolis
4 Terry Palapanis
5 Jose Mendes
6 Matthew Percy
7 Jane Talcevski
8 Robert Jerkovic
9 Nick Bosevski
10 Simon Fedele
11 Jim Nikas
12 Steve Christoforidis
13 Angelo Markopoulos
14 George Kategiannis
15 Jason Wells
16 Adrian Molachino
17 Brett Hewitt
18 Zoran Ilic
19 Rudi Nasser
20 Adam Confoy
21 Bryan Raeburn
22 Maurice Soler

Team Colours

Blue Shirts
Blue Shorts
Blue Socks
Coach: John Xipolitas

Sutherland SHARKS

1 Dennis Olla
2 Adam Daley
3 Aaron Harris
4 Matthew Richardson
5 Jeff Summers
6 Malcolm Bideau
7 Achilleas Markopoulos
8 Levi Stephen
9 Craig Hobbs
10 Sam Mozsny
11 Jimmy Corbo
12 Keegan Pillay
13 Eduardo Giraldo
14 Jeff Podesta
15 Brandt Riley
16 Cord Tolson

SUTHERLAND SHIRE

Team Colours

Blue & White Shirts
Black Shorts
Blue Socks
Coach: John Iavin

UNDER 21'S 4.00pm

CANTERBURY	SUTHERLAND
1 SOOMUN NAIDOO	1 DANIEL FARIAS
2 ANGELO TAVOURTSIS	2 GEORGE GASHORSKI
3 ANTHONY SKOULOS	3 SCOTT ALLISON
4 ARI VOLIOTIS	4 SIMON TURNER
5 JOHN THEODOROPOULOS	5 WADE MCLAUGHLIN
6 STEVEN LOURBEAS	6 DEJAN RISTOVSKI
7 PATRICK GALLOWAY	7 SASO SIMONOVSKI
8 ANDREW STROGYLOS	8 FRANCISCO NAKAYAME
9 CON GIATSIS	9 MICHAEL PARATHYRAS
10 STEVEN LIAVAS	10 BRIAN PULLIESE
11 DORIAN LEDRU	11 KRIS KARANOSIS
12 JOHN TOUMAZATOS	12 TONY MURGOSKI
13 JOHN VENETOULIS	13 ADAM SILVA
14 TROY LOUSTOS	14 STEVE STEVANOVSKI
15 ISSAC ABERA	20 MURRAY HESLEHURST
20 PAUL PSIRAKIS	

UNDER 18'S 2.00pm

CANTERBURY	SUTHERLAND
1 PETER SPATHIS	1 JONATHAN MCCALLUM
2 ZEIN ABBAS	2 STEVE KAROVSKI
3 JOHN TESTONE	3 DEAN SIMPSON
4 MIGUEL VIEIRA	4 DAVID CAVACO
5 ANTHONY FALAS	5 TROY SPINK
6 DARIO TORRISI	6 DENIS ZEKIROVSKI
7 WILLIAM DEMAS	7 MARK BARIC
8 TERRY SIDIRATOS	8 ORIEL PEREZ
9 CON STAVERIS	9 ANDREW VRAHAS
10 GONCALO GUEDES	10 FERNANDO ESTEBAN
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BANKSTOWN CITY LIONS

Jensen Park, Clapham Road, Sefton

By Car: Via Park Road, Auburn and right off Carlingford Road into Clapham Road, after roundabout at Regents Park Station

Parking: Limited parking at the ground and latecomers may park on the streets surrounding the stadium.

By Train: To Regents Park (Liverpool or Bankstown lines) and alight on western side, turn right off Carlingford Road into Clapham Road; stadium is on the right. Or to Sefton (Liverpool via Regents Park line) alight on northern side, walk down Helen Street turning right into Clapham Road, stadium is 400 metres on the left.

By Bus: Crossley Bus 908 from Bankstown and Guildford (Phone 97744966)

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BLACKTOWN CITY DEMONS

Gabbie Stadium, Quinn Avenue, Seven Hills

By Car: Off Seven Hills Road, multiple options to get there by motorway or main arteries off Cumberland Highway.

Parking: In the club car park or on adjoining streets.

By Train: To Seven Hills, then exit on northern side and walk along Seven Hills Road, turning left into Lucas and right into Quinn Avenue.

By Bus: Westbus 705 from Parramatta, 709 from Toongabbie and 718 from Blacktown (Phone 98900000)

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BONNYRIGG WHITE EAGLES

Serbian Centre, Elizabeth Drive, Bonnyrigg

By Car: Along Cumberland Highway to large Smithfield roundabout, thence along Smithfield Road to the end, then right at Elizabeth Drive, left at Aplin Road, right at Simpson Road.

Parking: Club has room for around 800 cars inside its own car park

By Train: to Cabramatta and thence by Westbus (Phone 98900000), 832 to Simpson Road, stops outside ground, once hourly or By Train to Liverpool, thence by Oliveri bus 845 to Bonnyrigg or by taxi from either station.

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CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE

Henson Park, Sydenham Road, Marrickville

By Car: From the city along New Canterbury Road, turn left into Livingstone Road and then left into Sydenham Road; ground is on left a short way along.

Turn left at Centennial Street to find entrance and car park at end of short street.

Parking: Inside the ground and on adjoining streets.

By Train: to either Sydenham and then short walk or to Marrickville or Petersham and walk longer distance towards Sydenham Road.

By Bus: 426 from Circular Quay, city and environs. (Phone 131500)

Ground is located 5 minutes west along Sydenham Rd from Victoria Road intersection.

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CENTRAL COAST

Pluim Park, Tuggerah Street, Lisarow

By Car: Take Newcastle Freeway to turn off at Ourimbah Road heading east to Lisarow, first passing Ourimbah station, left over bridge and left into Tuggerah Street.

Parking: Adequate parking inside the ground.

By Train: To Lisarow, exit on northern side and then turn left back along highway to turn off at Tuggerah Street on the right.

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EASTERN SUBURBS

Wentworth Park, Glebe (until March 28)

By Car: Along Bay Street or Wattle Street after turning left off Broadway, (arriving from the west.)

Parking: On adjoining streets.

By Bus 459 from city or Central stations or regular light rail service from Central station which terminates at the ground. Sydney Light rail (Phone 96605288)

Hensley Athletic Field, Pagewood, opposite Eastgardens Shopping Centre After April)

By Car: Off Southern Cross Drive to Wentworth Avenue , ground is on right diagonally opposite Bonny Doon golf course. Or Anzac Parade onto Bunnerong Road and right into Wentworth Avenue

Parking: Yes, at ground

By bus: 393-396 from City to Kingsford then change to 336 or 337 Along Anzac Parade to La Perouse, Matraville 400 Metroline from Bondi Junction to Burwood via Rockdale.

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FAIRFIELD BULLS

Nineveh Field, Smithfield Road, Bonnyrigg

By Car: Along Cumberland Highway to large Smithfield roundabout, thence take Smithfield Road fork and then turn into Nineveh club, on left, after the set of lights at Edensor Road intersection some

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THERE - by car or public transport

5 kilometres further on.
Parking: Limited parking in the Nineveh Club car park.
By Train to Cabramatta or Fairfield and buses from either station.
By Bus: Westbus 831 from Cabramatta, 827 from Fairfield (Phone 98900000)

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LEICHHARDT TIGERS

Lambert Park,
Marion Street, Leichhardt

By Car: (From the west) Turn left off Parramatta Road along Tebbut Street to set of lights at Marion Street; ground is prominent on the left corner of intersection.
Parking: On the streets surrounding the stadium.
By train to Lewisham and walk up Tebbut Street or take Drummoyne-bound buses, 437 from Circular Quay or 438 from Central.

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MACARTHUR RAMS

Lynwood Park,
Rangers Road, St Helens Park

By Car: Off freeway to Appin Road, south, left at Woodland Road, right at Karrabul Road, left at Rangers Road and into ground at the end.
Parking: Adequate parking in club*s own car park
By Train to Campbelltown then take Busways 884 or 886 St Helens Park bus via Appin Road junction and Woodland Road, to the last stop in Karabul Road, then walk 400 metres to the ground. Service operates at 25 mins past the hour; single adult fare $2.20. (Phone 0246258922)
Alternative - taxi from Macarthur or Campbelltown to Rangers Road, St Helens Park, approx fare $10

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PARRAMATTA EAGLES

Melita Stadium,
Everley Road, Chester Hill

By Car: Travelling along Woodville Road from the north, left at Rawson Road, right at Ferndell St and left into Everley Road to stadium at the end where car park is situated.
Parking: Adequate parking in club's own car park behind the ground between it and Everley Park.
By Train to Granville, thence Baxters bus 910 or Train to Chester Hill and then walk East along Waldron Rd, left at Hector St to Boundary Road, cross into Merle St, stadium is at the far end.
By Bus: Baxters 910 from Parramatta (Phone 9631850900)

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RYDE CITY GUNNERS

Wentworth Park, Glebe

By Car: Along Bay Street or Wattle Street after turning left off Broadway (when arriving from the west)
Parking: On adjoining streets
By Bus 459 from City or Central stations or regular light rail service from Central station terminates at the ground. Sydney Light Rail (Phone 96605288)

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SUTHERLAND SHARKS

Seymour Shaw Park, Miranda

By Car: Head towards the roundabout at the Boulevarde which links both Taren Point Road and Port Hacking Road with Princes Highway. Ground is half way

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between the last two of these major roads and is on the Boulevarde.

Parking: On adjoining streets, early comers along the Boulevarde, plus some small car parks at the back of Seymour Shaw itself and on Wandella Road North.

By Train to Miranda and then head north along Kiora Road and then into the Boulevarde, turning left at the large roundabout; ground is on your left.

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In the first of a regular feature in Super Soccer we present resident statistician Greg Stock's data on players from last year's Super League season who never missed a game for their respective clubs.

Throughout the season the good doctor will provide mathematical insights on the NSW soccer scene. Input from clubs is welcome.

Here are last season's Ever-presents from the 12 Super League clubs.

BANKSTOWN CITY LIONS
David Aceski

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Eric Williams
Trevor Whiddett

PARRAMATTA EAGLES
Jason Holmes
Paul O'Grady
RYDE CITY
John Koch
Adam Peatey
Aydin Cetinay
Chris Cowley
Jeff Kelly

ST. GEORGE SAINTS
Nil

SUTHERLAND SHARKS
Paul Henderson

Note: Six of these are goalkeepers which proves that it pays to be consistent.

Greg Stock

Dates for your diary

Saturday 6th February - SUPER LEAGUE KICKS OFF
Saturday 6th March - Super Youth League kicks off
Saturday 13th March - Federation Division Four kicks off
Saturday 13th March - Division One Youth League kicks off
Sunday 14th March - Division Two Cadet League kicks off
Sunday 14th March - Federation Division One kicks off
Saturday 20th March - Federation Division Three kicks off
Saturday 20th March - Division Two Youth League kicks off
Sunday 21st March - Federation Division Two kicks off
Sunday 21st March - Women's Super League kicks off
Sunday 28th March - Division One Cadet League kicks off
Sunday 11th April - Women's State League Division One kicks off
Sunday 1st August - SUPER LEAGUE GRAND FINAL
Sunday 29th August - Federation Division One Grand Final
Saturday 4th September - Division Two Youth League Grand Final
Sunday 5th September - Federation Division Two Grand Final
Saturday 11th September - Division One Youth League Grand Final
Saturday 11th or Sunday 12th September - Federation Division Three Grand Final
Saturday 11th or Sunday 12th September - Federation Division Four Grand Final
Saturday 11th or Sunday 12th September - Division One Cadet League Grand Final
Saturday 11th or Sunday 12th September - Division Two Cadet League Grand Final
Saturday 18th September - Super Youth League Grand Final

Dates for Women's Super League and Women's State League Division One Grand Finals, plus Men's Federation Division Five are still subject to confirmation.

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BLACKTOWN'S Brian 'Bomber' Brown BURSTS ONTO THE SCENE

The reigning Champions, Blacktown City, look set for another big season in Super League this year following their Grand Final triumph at Marconi Stadium last August...

Things did not go quite according to plan, however, in the lead up to the new season as last year's successful coach, Alex Robertson, dropped a bombshell by resigning on the eve of the club's aborted pre-season tour to Fiji last week.

With preparations already well advanced the former Sydney City star pulled out after a Thursday night training session for personal reasons and the Demons moved swiftly to appoint his assistant, Brian Brown, in his stead.

Brown, who lives at nearby Kellyville in Sydney's north west, joined Blacktown as fellow-Scot Alex Robertson's assistant and Under 21 coach. His reserve team ran third last year and were beaten Grand Finalists, while he assisted the senior side to claim second spot in the Premiership and the ultimate prize of 1st Grade Champions.

It has been a steady climb for Brown, to the pinnacle of coaching a Super League club, as he has graduated through his exposure at clubs both here and in Victoria.

He is better known, of course, as a player and a fine one at that.

He began his playing career as a 16 year old at Dumbarton in Scotland and played alongside current Everton manager Walter Smith and ex Scottish international Ian Wallace.

After three years there he moved to Falkirk where in a distinguished spell of seven years he amassed 260 first team appearances. He was also team captain, a responsibility he has carried at many subsequent clubs he has been associated with.

Falkirk won the Scottish 2nd Division Championship in 1978/79 and Brown was voted Player of the Year there in the same season.

He finished top goalscorer in 1980/81 and the team was promoted to 1st Division on the back of his scoring achievements. Not bad for a player famed as a linchpin of the defence!

He had the pleasure at Falkirk of playing with Gary Gillespie, Kevin McAllister and Allan Irvine.

At the end of the 83/84 season he came out to Australia as a guest player for Brunswick Juventus in the national league and played six matches before being invited back for the following season as a permanent member of the squad.

He became team captain and led the side to the 1985 and 1986 Southern Division championships.

The club also won the Dockerty Cup in 1987 and he was, briefly, caretaker coach for 4 matches in 1988.

He was a member of a side which included Gary McDowell, Charlie Egan, Mike Peterson and Socceroo skipper Paul Wade.

After leaving Brunswick he became player-coach at 2nd Division Sandringham City and the side finished 4th in the Victorian 1st Division under his leadership after gaining promotion from 2nd Division the previous year.

Brown returned to Brunswick in 1990 and 91 as assistant coach and as captain under Terry Hennessey and played 26 games in that period, being on the winning side in 20 of those appearances. The team finished runners-up in the Championship.

With the unceremonious and seemingly unwarranted dumping of Hennessey, at the end of that period, Brown became disillusioned and got out of the game. His job was also to take him to New Zealand and he forgot about soccer for a while.

Later, while working across the Tasman, and after a chance meeting with former strong pal from his Australian days, Richard Miranda, a brief period was spent at Auckland suburban club Howick. Brown coached for two of his four years in the Shaky Isles and after a further period out of the game Brian, eventually re-emerged in NSW at 1st Division Hills United as assistant to ex Blacktown star Lawrie McKinna, himself now coaching in the Ericsson Cup as David Mitchell's assistant at Sydney United.

Brian's wife Barbara was the catalyst for his re-entry into the coaching ranks.

The pair were watching old mate Kyle Patterson, whose brother Scott was a close team mate of Brown's at Brunswick, talking about various deficiencies in the game during an 'On The Ball' discussion on SBS one Sunday morning. The softly spoken Scot was grumbling about the fact that he thought he could offer more than the current crop of coaches and his wife told him to do something about it, instead of just talking.

So when a call came from McKinna, right out of the blue, Brian leapt at the opportunity.

He came in during the middle of 1996 as Lawrie's assistant Randell Easthorpe really wanted to play and Brown did well with the Under 21 side, earning them respect and a finals berth the first year and a Grand Final spot the next, but when offered the senior position at Hills he elected to join Blacktown instead in 1998.

Rival coach Les de Celis of Super League Ryde City spoke highly of Brown who he knew to be a good mate of his own new assistant, the vastly experienced Richard Miranda.

"As a coach, one can't help noticing what is said and done on the opposition benches and I could tell right away that he was going to be a good coach in his own right', said the long time Ryde boss. "It was the tactics he used and the instructions he issued which struck me immediately."

Away from his beloved 'fitba' Brian Brown is a general manager of the commercial division for Pelikan Quartet of Milperra, the office equipment and stationery manufacturers and is looking forward to the new challenge ahead of him in the Super League.

"This is the plum job in NSW soccer and probably the best job outside the national league," Brown acknowledged.

His first task was to oversee the team's tour of Fiji and assess his first grade squad in readiness for the side's opening game on Saturday night at The Gabbie Stadium.

The cyclone in Fiji put paid to that plan and the club was left to organise some other trials quickly, instead.

The club is strong in the playing ranks and Brown took a week to decide which remaining players he would release. He anticipates that he might sign two more players before he is finished and then can mount an assault on the Premiership for the Demons.

Super Soccer wishes him well in his first tilt at coaching in the NSW Super League

Paul Goodwin

1998 PREMIERSHIP TABLES

SUPER LEAGUE - 1ST GRADE

FEDERATION DIVISION ONE - 1ST GRADE

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	DIF	PTS
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	22	14	4	4	51	24	27	46
Fairfield Bulls	25	19	3	3	53	22	31	60
Blacktown City	22	13	5	4	46	25	21	44
Hurstville City	25	18	2	5	54	27	27	56
Macarthur Rams	22	13	3	6	38	29	9	42
Stanmore Hawks	26	17	2	7	54	30	24	53
Canterbury Berries	22	12	4	6	36	30	6	40
Manly Warringah	26	12	7	7	48	31	17	43
Eastern Suburbs	22	11	4	7	50	33	17	37
Auburn United	26	11	6	9	44	40	4	39
Parrramatta Eagles	22	11	4	7	48	34	14	37
Penrith Panthers	25	10	5	10	34	30	4	35
Bankstwon City	22	8	6	8	36	33	3	30
Rockdale City Suns	25	10	3	12	49	46	3	33
Leichhardt Tigers	21	8	6	7	32	32	0	30
Moorebank Sports	26	9	6	11	33	39	-6	33
Sutherland Shire	21	4	6	11	17	37	-20	18
Illawarra Lions	25	8	8	9	31	30	1	32
Central Coast	22	4	4	14	26	45	-19	16
Bathurst '75	25	8	7	10	26	34	-8	31
Ryde City Gunners	21	3	6	12	21	40	-19	15
AC United	26	7	9	10	42	48	-6	30
St George Saints	21	1	4	16	17	56	-39	7
Hills United	26	5	5	16	29	59	-30	20
Mt Pritchard	25	4	5	16	33	57	-24	17

SUPER LEAGUE - UNDER 21'S

Belmore Hercules	25	3	6	16	24	61	-37	15
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	22	17	2	3	76	23	53	53

FEDERATION DIVISION ONE - UNDER 21'S

Parramatta Eagles	22	16	2	4	52	26	26	50
Blacktown City	22	14	4	4	54	31	23	46
Hills United	26	16	6	4	56	21	35	54
Macarthur Rams	21	13	2	6	52	24	28	41
Manly Warringah	26	15	6	5	55	28	27	51
Eastern Suburbs	21	11	4	6	45	29	16	37
Fairfield Bulls	25	14	7	4	76	30	46	49
St George Saints	21	9	2	10	34	43	-9	29
Moorebank Sports	26	12	10	4	52	34	18	46
Canterbury Berries	22	8	2	12	35	41	-6	26
AC United	26	12	9	5	46	31	15	45
Leichhardt Tigers	21	7	4	10	37	41	-4	25
Rockdale City Suns	25	12	5	8	70	48	22	41
Bankstown City	21	6	3	12	31	43	-12	21
Penrith Panthers	25	11	7	7	43	32	11	40
Ryde City Gunners	21	4	3	14	25	55	-30	15
Mt Pritchard	25	10	3	12	57	52	5	33
Sutherland Shire	21	4	2	15	24	60	-36	14
Bathurst '75	25	9	6	10	40	37	3	33
Central Coast	21	2	4	15	24	73	-49	10
Stanmore Hawks	26	10	3	13	41	42	-1	33
Auburn United	26	9	3	14	58	76	-18	30

SUPER LEAGUE - UNDER 18'S

Hurstville City	25	9	2	14	43	65	-22	29
Belmore Hercules	25	4	3	18	27	68	-41	15
Parramatta Eagles	21	16	4	1	53	10	43	52
Illawarra Lions	25	0	0	25	19	119	-100	0
Bankstown City	21	13	5	3	47	18	29	44
Blacktown City	22	13	4	5	47	20	27	43

FEDERATION DIVISION ONE - UNDER 18'S

Macarthur Rams	21	11	5	5	35	22	13	38
Ryde City Gunners	21	10	5	6	32	26	6	35
Bathurst '75	26	17	6	3	56	25	31	57
Leichhardt Tigers	21	8	6	7	36	34	2	30
Manly Warringah	26	16	5	5	61	23	38	53
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	21	9	3	9	41	40	1	30
Illawarra Lions	25	16	3	6	78	39	39	51
Eastern Suburbs	21	7	7	7	35	38	-3	28
Stanmore Hawks	26	16	3	7	52	30	22	51
St George Saints	21	6	5	10	38	36	2	23
AC United	26	14	4	8	63	36	27	46
Central Coast	21	3	4	14	25	40	-15	13
Moorebank Sports	26	14	3	9	52	33	19	45
Canterbury Berries	22	2	4	16	15	57	-42	10
Hills United	26	12	8	6	52	35	17	44
Sutherland Shire	21	1	4	16	15	78	-63	7
Fairfield Bulls	25	13	3	9	40	37	3	42
Mt Pritchard	25	12	3	10	43	30	13	39

GAMES NOT PLAYED

Penrith Panthers	25	11	3	11	39	42	-3	36
St George vs Ryde City (1st Grade/Under 21/Under 18)								
Rockdale City Suns	25	5	5	15	46	61	-15	20
Eastern Suburbs vs Central Coast (Under 21/Under 18)								
Belmore Hercules	25	4	1	20	31	80	-49	13
Macarthur Rams vs Bankstown City (Under 21/Under 18)								
Hurstville City	26	1	5	20	23	87	-64	8
Parramatta Eagles vs Bonnrigg White Eagles (Under 18)								
Auburn United	26	0	4	22	20	98	-78	4
Leichhardt Tigers vs Sutherland Shire (1st Grade/Under 21/Under 18)								

GAMES NOT PLAYED

Belmore Hercules vs Penrith Panthers (1st Grade/Under 21/Under 18)

Illawarra Lions vs Rockdale City Suns (1st Grade/Under 21/Under 18)

Hurstville City vs Bathurst '75 (1st Grade/ Under 21/Under 18)

Fairfield Bulls vs Mt Pritchard (1st Grade/Under 21/ Under 18)

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